Awareness of national threat

†2009. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts to promote awareness towards national threats have been covered in the youth programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether it could be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements various programmes and schemes for youth like Integration Camps, Youth Leadership and Development Programmes, Awareness Generation Programmes, Seminars and Workshops to inter-alia inculcate spirit of patriotism, character building and to improve their awareness about various threats and challenges arising out of National and International issues.

(c) Does not arise.

Preparation for 2010 Commonwealth Games

2010. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is reportedly being slammed for its tardy preparation for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the world's second largest sporting event;

(b) whether it is a fact that only two years are left for the Commonwealth Games but New Delhi is still struggling with potholed roads, poor sporting facilities and infrastructure and a large number of games-related construction projects running behind schedule;

(c) if so, the progress so far made for increasing seating capacity at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium which is the main Commonwealth Games venue, construction of eleven venues, training centres, *etc*; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Two years are left for the Games and works related to development of Games venues and upgradation of city infrastructure are continuing apace and will be completed in time for the Games.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to increase the capacity of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. For the 17 disciplines of CWG-2010, 13 venues will be developed as Competition venues and 22

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

venues as Training (Practice) venues. After obtaining the necessary regulatory clearances, the work at most venues has commenced. These are being regularly monitored on a web-based monitoring system.

Assistance to sportspersons in NER

2011. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance from the Rashtriya Kalyan Kosh to sportspersons in North East Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof of the assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the criteria fixed for providing assistance from the Kosh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) Sportspersons, living in indigent circumstances, including those belonging to North East Region are eligible to apply for assistance under the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(b) State-wise details of financial assistance given to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances, including existing and fresh cases, are given below:—

Name of State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (till date)
Andhra Pradesh	4	4	4	4
Delhi	1	1	1	1
Karnataka	7	7	6	6
Kerala	5	5	5	5
Orissa	4	4	3	3
Punjab	3	3	3	3
Maharashtra	2	1	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	1	1	1
Tamil Nadu	1	0	0	0
West Bengal	13	12	12	10
	41	38	36	34

(c) Any sportsperson whose annual income is less than Rs. 2 lakh per annum from all sources is eligible to receive pension for the period approved by the committee constituted under the Scheme. The definition of sportsperson under the scheme covers those who took part in competitive sports at National Level (Senior, Junior or Sub-Junior) and achieved a position